(c) the details of persons against whom charges have been framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The charges framed against the accused are covered under sections 121, 121A, 122, 123, 302, 307 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code; Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act; and Sections 3(a), 3(2), 3(4), 3(3,4), 4(b), 5,6 and 20 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

(c) Charges has been framed in this case against four persons, namely, Mohammad Afzal, Shaukat Hussain Guru, Sayed Abdul Rehman Gilani and Smt. Navjot Sandhu alias Afsan Guru.

Inclusion of more Languages in the Eighth Schedule

2249. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced recently that a high-powered committee would be set up soon to evolve guidelines for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether Government have set a time-frame to give its recommendations;

(d) whether Government have received requests for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The constitution of the High Powered Body and its terms of reference are under the consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) The Government have received representations/requests for inclusion of as many as 32 languages *viz. Rajasthani, Maithili, Dogri, Bhojpuri, Santhali, Tulu, Kamaoni (Pahari), Garwhwali (Pahari), Lushai/ Mizo, Bhotia, Bhoti, Lepcha, Limbu, Bodo, Dhatki, Kurak, Mundari, Ho, Kachchhi, Angika, Pali, Pahari (Himachali), Bazika, Shaurseni (Prakrit) Nagpuri, Kurmali, Siraiki, English, Kok Barak, Nicobarese, Gondi & Khasi* in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.